

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A communications earpiece adapted for wearing on an ear of a user; comprising:

an ear hook for looping generally over the top of the ear;

an ear bud for placing generally within the ear; and

a flexible connector for connecting the ear bud to the ear hook; wherein

the flexible connector attaches the ear bud to the ear hook when the earpiece is not in use; and

the flexible connector is sufficiently flexible such that the earpiece is supported by the ear of the user, and is not suspended from the ear hook, when the earpiece is in use.

Claim 2 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the ear hook contains a microphone.

Claim 3 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the ear bud contains a speaker.

Claim 4 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the flexible connector is an electrical cable for electrically connecting the ear bud to the ear hook.

Claim 5 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, and further including:

a connector cable for electrically connecting the communications earpiece to a personal communications device.

Claim 6 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 5, wherein:

the personal communications device is a telephone.

Claim 7 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 5, wherein:

the personal communications device is a cellular telephone.

Claim 8 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 5, and further including:

a connector located at the distal end of the connector cable adapted for connection to the personal communications device.

Claim 9 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the communications earpiece is a wireless device.

Claim 10 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the communications earpiece is adapted for bidirectional communication with a transmitter/receiver.

Claim 11 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 10, wherein:

the communications earpiece communicates with a transmitter/receiver via radio frequency signals.

Claim 12 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 10, wherein:

the transmitter/receiver is adapted for connection to a personal communications device.

Claim 13 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 12, wherein:

the personal communications device is a telephone.

Claim 14 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 10, and further including:

a connector affixed to the transmitter/receiver whereby the transmitter/receiver can be electrically connected to a personal communications device.

Claim 15 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 14, wherein:

the personal communications device is a telephone.

Claim 16 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the earpiece is a non-occluding device such that an ear canal is not completely blocked thereby.

Claim 17 (original). The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:

the ear bud includes a plurality of grooves for allowing sound within an ear canal to at least partially escape therethrough.

Claim 18 (currently amended). A communications headset device, comprising:

an ear hook for holding the headset device over the top of an ear;

an ear bud for placing near ~~and~~ an ear canal of the ear and further for producing sound; and

a flexible connector for electrically and mechanically affixing said ear bud to said ear hook;

wherein

the flexible connector is sufficiently flexible such that when the ear bud is supported by the anatomy of the ear of the user, then the ear bud is not supported by the ear hook.

Claim 19 (original). The communications headset of claim 18, and further including:

connection means for connecting the communications headset to a communications device.

Claim 20 (original). The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:

the communications device is a telephone.

Claim 21 (original). The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:

the connection means is a connecting cable.

Claim 22 (original). The communications headset of claim 21, wherein:

the connecting cable is affixed to said ear hook at a proximal end thereof.

Claim 23 (original). The communications headset of claim 21, wherein:

the connecting cable has a connector at the distal end thereof.

Claim 24 (original). The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:

the connection means includes a transmitter/receiver adapted for electrical connection to the communications device.

Claim 25 (original). The communications headset of claim 18, wherein:

at least a portion of said ear hook is adapted for placing behind an ear; and

at least a second portion of said ear hook is adapted for placing in front of the ear.

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